Lapse of budgetted amounts for the improvement of roads.

160. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) whether all the amounts allotted for construction of new roads or for the improvement of roads during the year 1105 have been utilised during the course of the year by the P.W.D. and if not, how much of the allotted amounts have lapsed; which are the cases of these lapses and what was the reason in each case for such lapse;

(2) whether road-works which have been sanctioned by the Council have subsequently been given up or postponed and if so, why;

(3) whether any allotment for road construction by the Panchayat Department has lapsed during the year 1105; and if so, which are those cases and why?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Though the entire allotment for all the various road works proposed for the year may not be spent, it is hoped that taken together the budget allotment for original works will be spent. A correct answer can be furnished only after the accounts of the year are closed.

(2) No.

(3) It is not possible to ascertain the particulars of lapses of the current year before the year closes.

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